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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the AUEBURG Area

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5 July 1949

1. Exercises of engineer troops who constructed a bridge across the Saale River were observed at AUEBURG (M 52/K 89). In addition to the bridge-building equipment, ten assault boats were seen with these troops. Motor vehicle [REDACTED] was identified.

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10 August 1949

2. The AUEBURG kasernes were occupied as follows on 10 August 1949:

25X1Xte Artillerie Kaserne: An engineer unit. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen.

b. Neue Artillerie Kaserne, on Schoenburgerstrasse: Tank and artillery units. A train carrying nine 75-mm antiaircraft guns [REDACTED] 57-mm antiaircraft guns, and trucks with numbers of [REDACTED] series "ere observed on the railroad line near the kaserne. The train proceeded via the AUEBURG railroad station towards EISSENFELD (M 52/J 99).

Infanterie Kaserne, on 25X1XSperlingsholz": An infantry guard detail. Passenger car [REDACTED] was seen. The troops from the kaserne were said to be in a wood-camp in the OHDRUF (M 51/J 15) area.

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26 August 1949

3. The following observations were made in AUEBURG on 26 August 1949:

a. Bismarck Kaserne, on Eissenfelserstrasse: Unit of about 500 troops, most of them young. Two 122-mm guns and motor vehicles with the following numbers [REDACTED] were observed in the kaserne area: [REDACTED] truck [REDACTED] passenger car [REDACTED] truck [REDACTED] truck.

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b. Hindenburg Kaserne on Schoenburgerstrasse: Lightly occupied by troops with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets.

Trucks:

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25X1X c. Hubertus Kaserne, north of Clemingerweg: Rear detail. Truck [REDACTED] was seen. Antiaircraft units in the strength of one or two battalions, with four 88-mm antiaircraft guns and six 57-mm antiaircraft guns, were observed in this kaserne in early August 1949.

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d. Bluecher Kaserne south of Clemingerweg: Infantry unit of about 400 men. Truck [REDACTED] was seen. Extensive repair work was done in the kaserne.

e. Barbara Kaserne on Breitscheidstrasse: Units of various branches of service, totaling two hundred to three hundred troops. Repair work was done in the kaserne.

f. Maschinengewehr Kaserne on Nordstrasse: No troops. One kaserne building was being repaired.

g. Motor vehicles identified in the HAMBURG streets:

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truck
truck
truck (arty)
jeep
truck
truck
truck
truck

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Y truck
passenger car
Y truck (arty)
Y truck
T truck
truck
truck
truck (inf)

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Late July 1949

4. The following information on officers of the HAMBURG military post was secured: *

Col. BRONIKOFF Political officer, allegedly transferred to KOENIGSBERG, East Prussia.

Lt. Col. OSTROUNOFF Political officer, promoted to the rank of colonel and transferred to SCHWETZIN (N 54/T 46). **

Maj. ISAYEV Accompanied his family to the Soviet Union.

Capt. TIMOFEEV Worked at the division bank, transferred to MOSCOW on 24 July 1949.

Capt. SHAFRINS Physician in the Hubertus Kaserne; has been in Camp EISENACH (L 51/H 76) since July 1949. ***

2d Lt. BAKHABAJASHVILI Transferred as athletic officer to BERLIN about two months ago; previously athletic officer at the HAMBURG corps headquarters and thereafter assigned as athletic officer to the "EILAR (M 51/J 57) army headquarters for about one year.

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Comment:

a. The report regarding the occupation of HAIDING up to late August 1949 indicates that the HAINBURG units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, and presumably also headquarters units of the XXII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, had not yet returned from summer maneuvers, for which they had left the post in early May 1949, according to previous information.

*** b. The assumption that the mentioned units were holding their maneuvers in the EISBACH area (Lindel troop training grounds) was corroborated by the statement that Capt. SCHWARTZ, physician from the LIMBURG Hubertus Kaserne, has been in Camp EISBACH since early July 1949.

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* d. The information source (B) supplied on HAINBURG officers in late July 1949 is given credence.

** e. Lt. Col. OETROUOFF was Political Officer at a HAINBURG division headquarters (57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div?) according to information supplied by another source in April 1949.

* f. The other officers (except OETROUOFF) were identified for the first time.

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